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Many Evidences That the U.F.A., Labor and Independent Groups Will Find Way to Work Together in Canadian Parliament

Conferences With This End in View Already Held During Brief Session at Ottawa—Identity of Each Group Must Be Preserved as Most Satisfactory Basis for Co-operation—United Farmers of Alberta Form Largest Single Group Unit

By WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

The first session of the Sixteenth Parliament of Canada was a very brief one, and while it may have made a record in passing the Speech from the Throne, the wisdom of having called the session at all is very questionable.

The session, was inconvenient to Western members, who had to spend from six to eight days on the train (round trip) in order to be three days in Parliament, but that inconvenience would not be spoken of if any real service had been done the country by the assembling of Parliament.

REASON GIVEN FOR CALLING PARLIAMENT

To escape the necessity of financing further on Governor-General's warrants was the reason given for calling Parliament. But since it costs no more to finance the country in that way than it does when the usual course is followed, and since the Governor-General has been authorizing expenditures for about six months, it would have been better to have continued with that system until the first week of January and then called Parliament, thus avoiding two sessions. As things are now, the entire staff required during a session will be on pay, or at least half-pay, throughout the interval, so that it was not so much to save money to the country as it was to justify a political criticism made against the Tories by the Liberals during the election, that Parliament was called.

INCREASING EFFORT AGAINST INDEPENDENT GROUPS

This is only another instance of the way in which party strife and prejudice enters into public affairs. Partyism is the dominating force in Parliament, as it has always been. In addition to the party struggle, there is an increasing endeavor by party men of both sides to swallow or discredit the independent groups which have come to challenge the unpardonable stupidity of the party system.

WE STAND FOR CO-OPERATION IN PARLIAMENT

It is too early to speak with certainty as to the extent to which co-operation will be practicable among the various

At the opening of the Sixteenth Parliament of Canada, Robert Gardiner, M.P., was re-elected Chairman of the U. F. A. group in the House of Commons, and H. E. Spencer, M.P., was re-elected Secretary. The Labor group is organized with J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., as Chairman, while the Progressives who remained quite distinct from the Liberal party, are organized in a group with John Evans, M.P., as Chairman. Miss Agnes McPhail, U. F. O. member for Southeast Grey, is sitting with the U. F. A. members in the House.

The three independent groups are seated in close proximity in the House of Commons. The "Liberal-Progressives" sit in a group among the Government members.

In the article below, William Irvine, U.F.A. member for Wetaskiwin, indicates that conferences have been held with a view to co-operation between the three main independent groups. The negotiations are not complete and no official statement has been issued by the U. F. A. members, and Mr. Irvine explains that the opinions expressed are personal ones, though his references to plans for House organization, of course, deal with the activities to which all the members have been parties.

groups in the House. We, as U. F. A. members, regard co-operation in Parliament as a sacred principle to which we are individually committed, as well as being the difference in practice between partyism and the new political system which we seek to introduce. The fact also that both parties are opposed to all groups or individuals outside the party fold, should tend to bring all such groups into a co-operative relationship.

THREE GROUPS FAVOR CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

There were many encouraging evidences during the short session of Parliament just held, that United Farmer, Labor and Independent groups will find a

way to work together. Indeed, conferences were held with this in view and the basis of such a co-operative arrangement is being worked out, and no doubt the groups will be working harmoniously at the next sitting of the House, in February, 1927.

The U. F. A. is the largest single group unit, then the Progressives, and next Labor and one or two members carrying the U. F. O. banner.

"PROGRESSIVE LIBERALS" IN PRECARIOUS POSITION

The Progressive-Liberal group, which now must be regarded as separate from the Progressives, appear to be precariously situated. By their close relations with the Government they have alienated themselves to some extent from the Progressive party proper, while at the same time the Progressive-Liberals are aware that their usefulness and indeed their very existence depends upon how much emphasis they are able, by their actions, to place upon the first half of their hyphenated name.

Mr. Brown, of Lisgar, rose in his seat among the Liberals and declared that the Progressive-Liberals were not a part of the Liberal party, but an independent group.

While this declaration was received by mocking laughter from all parts of the House, thus indicating the general conviction that the Progressive-Liberals are in reality camou-

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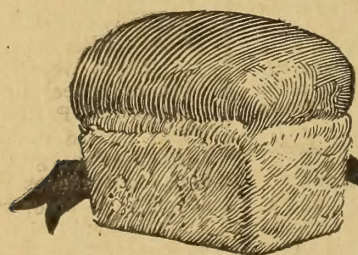
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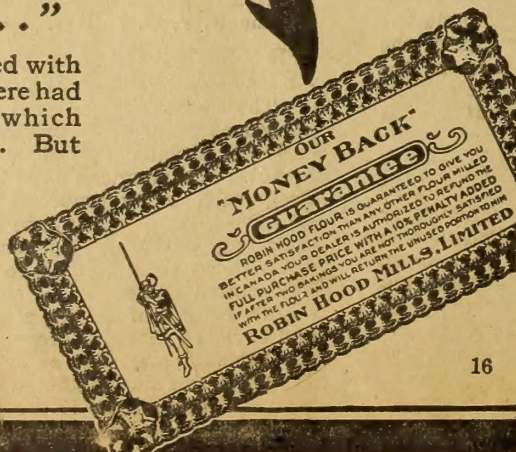
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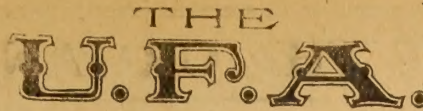
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EDITORIAL

CONCERNING SUBSCRIBERS

Instructions have been given by the Central Board to remove from our mailing list the names of subscribers in arrears. Information to this effect was given to all Locals in a letter from the Organization Committee some time ago, and more recently notice has been sent out by circular letter to members of whose payment of dues we have not been advised by Secretaries. The circular announced that in accordance with the Board's decision we shall be obliged, unless notification of payment be received by Central Office, most regretfully to discontinue sending the paper.

Since the circular was sent out we have received a number of letters from members who assure us that their subscriptions have been paid, and express surprise that on our lists at Central Office they appear as in arrears. Some of these correspondents are active members who have never, at any time, fallen into arrears.

The list on file at Central Office is based upon the lists of paid-up members who require the paper, sent in to us by the Local Secretaries each year. It appears, however, that in some cases, Secretaries, through misunderstanding, have forwarded dues for the number of members in their Locals, without forwarding the list of members. Obviously, unless the Local list is forwarded to us we cannot check up the list at Central Office, and are obliged to assume that members of whose

payments we have no notice, are in arrears. In some instances, Local Secretaries have assumed that only the names of new members need be sent in.

May we emphasize the fact that we are dependent upon the Local Secretaries for the furnishing of the lists (except in cases where members at large pay their dues to Central direct) and urge any subscribers who have received our circular, but have in fact paid their dues, and require the paper, to get in touch with their Secretaries and have their names forwarded?

It should be noted that Life Members of the Association are liable to an annual payment of 50 cents to the newspaper, though they are not liable for any other dues to the Central Association.

We would point out to Local Secretaries that the only names required at Central Office are those of members to whom the paper should be sent. In cases where there are two or more members of the Association in one household, only one paper will usually be required, and in such cases only one name need be sent in.

It has been decided to mail the current issue to all persons who received our circular. If members who received the circular and Local Secretaries will assist us, no person who requires the paper and is entitled to receive it will be cut off.

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SURPRISED BY OTTAWA'S ATTITUDE

Reviewing the controversy between the Calgary Livestock Exchange and the United Livestock Growers, the agricultural expert of the Manitoba Free Press sums up the recent course of events in a manner distinctly unfavorable to the Ottawa authorities, and particularly to W. R. Motherwell, the Minister of Agriculture. The Free Press deals at length with the correspondence which has passed between the Dominion Government, the U. L. G. and the Calgary Livestock Exchange.

The Winnipeg newspaper quotes with evident approval the statement of C. Rice-Jones, President of the U. L. G., to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to the effect that suspension of the U. L. G. was not due to irregularities of trading, but to the fact that they had refused to comply with the demand of the Exchange that "we submit our books for examination" (by the Exchange).

"The unfairness of expecting the Pool, or co-operative enterprise, to submit its books for inspection to rival and antagonistic firms must be so manifest that it could not be endorsed by your Department," continues the quotation from Mr. Rice-Jones' letter. "As this was the entire cause of our suspension, it is an additional reason why your Department should grant the request for the continuance for the time being of our license."

The Free Press points out that in the absence of Dr. Grisdale, the Deputy, who had been obliged to leave for Europe, the above letter was dealt with by Mr. Motherwell, the Minister, who finally placed the U. L. G. in a position in which they were compelled to submit to a fine of \$250 from the Livestock Exchange, as the condition of carrying on business. In conclusion, this newspaper says:

"In view of the fact that Mr. Motherwell, when the matter was first made public last spring, rushed into print with the statement that if regulations did not permit of co-operative trading they would be changed to meet the needs of co-operative organizations, and in view of the letter to the Deputy stating clearly that the infractions were technical only, the outcome is a surprise not only to the Directors of the Livestock Producers, but to livestock men generally who are interested in co-operative trading."

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Program of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the U.F.A.

The program of the Annual Convention (subject to change) is given below:

Tuesday Morning, January 18th

9:30 a.m. Official opening of the Convention; "O Canada" sung by the Convention. Invocation; opening address, His Honor Lieutenant-Governor W. Egbert; address of welcome, His Worship Mayor Bury; election of Chairman of the Convention; appointment of the Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Order of Business; Annual Address of the President; Annual Address of the President U. F. W. A.; financial statement.

Tuesday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital; report of Canadian Council of Agriculture; Constitutional Amendments; Resolutions.

Tuesday Evening

8 p.m. Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen; address, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta; Resolutions.

Wednesday Morning, January 19th

"Organise," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.
12:00 noon. Nomination for President 1927.

Wednesday afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
2 p.m. Joint session U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.; ballot for the President, 1927; nominations for Vice-

President; ballot to follow immediately.

Wednesday Evening

Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen.

8 p.m. Addresses by Fraternal Delegates; discussion upon report of Buying and Selling Committee, including address by T. Swindlehurst, Secretary Alberta Co-operative League; Resolutions.

Thursday Morning, January 20th

"O Canada," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.

Thursday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
Joint session U. F. A. and U. F. W. A.; newspaper Resolutions; report of Convention Senior Committee on Young People's Work; report of Junior Secretary.
5:30 p.m. Election of U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Directors.

Thursday Evening

Five minutes' address by Rev. Dr. McQueen; address, Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P.; Resolutions.

Friday Morning, January 21st

"Organize," sung by the Convention.
9:30 a.m. Resolutions.

Friday Afternoon

Ten minutes' organ recital.
2 p.m. Resolutions.

Friday Evening

8 p.m. Unfinished and new business.
"God Save the King."

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION JANUARY 17th

The Annual Convention of the Peace River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in the Labor Hall, Edmonton, on Monday, January 17th, commencing at 1 p.m. All Locals of the old West Edmonton Independent Political Association are invited to send delegates to this Convention for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the old Association.—Jos. Messmer, Secretary.

keep a check on grading, should be observed without fail by all Pool members.

Mr. Plumer, at the conclusion of his address, answered a large number of questions to the satisfaction of all present. More information of this kind by the Pool Directors would do much to clear away any dissatisfaction and misunderstanding existing among Pool members.

At the evening session A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., gave an outline of the most important acts passed by the last Legislature. The balance of the evening was taken up by discussion of resolutions of which several were passed on to the Annual U. F. A. Convention.

J. E. Brown was re-elected President and Mrs. R. Price Vice-President.

E. A. HANSON,
Secretary.

FAVOR JANUARY CONVENTION

Collholme Local at a recent meeting went on record as favoring the holding of the Annual Convention in January, as at present.

PEACE RIVER TO THE FORE

Peace River problems will receive early attention in the Legislature when the session opens, since Hugh Allen, U. F. A. member for Peace River, has been selected to move the reply to the Speech from the Throne. G. B. Walker, U. F. A. member for Claresholm, will second the reply.

FAVOR SUMMER CONVENTION

Change of the date of the Annual Convention of the U. F. A. from January to the latter part of June was recommended by the Calumet Local in a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Local recently. It was decided to take steps to form a Junior U. F. A. The Local also arranged to order a carload of lumber, to be handled by U. F. A. members.

"History without politics has no fruit, and politics without history has no root."—Sir J. R. Seeley.

SOCIETY AND WAR

"It is true that a delicate human spirit, undaunted if disillusioned, will remain to the end facing undefiled the most obscene barbarities of war. It may even be shocked into a deeper apprehension of life. Yet the ironic smile on the resolute face of the good lad as he dies in the muck of battle should not convince society, which ordered him to make the sacrifice, of its own admirable ways."—H. M. Tomlinson.

Railways, Telephones and Wheat Pool Feature Discussions at Stettler Annual Convention

Vernor Smith Gives Very Good Account of Northern Railways Arrangements and Explains Telephone Increases—Ben Plumer Deals With Wheat Pool Questions in Highly Satisfactory Way

The Annual Convention of the Stettler Provincial Constituency U. F. A. Association was held in the town hall, Stettler, on Friday, Dec. 10th, President J. E. Brown of Castor, presiding at the meeting.

Hon. V. W. Smith was the first speaker at the afternoon session. He gave a very interesting address on the natural wealth of our great Province, and outlined the possibilities for great development and prosperity due to come to Alberta. His explanation of the new arrangements made in regard to the operation of the Northern Railways was to the complete satisfaction of all present. In regard to the recent increase in rates by the Telephone Department, his explanation was very satisfactory to the Convention.

AS FAST AS SAFETY WILL PERMIT

Ben Plumer, of the Wheat Pool, gave a very interesting and instructive ad-

dress on the operation of the Pool. His assurance that the Board were acquiring elevators as fast as safe and sane business methods would allow was evidently received with a good deal of satisfaction by the Wheat Pool members present. His instructions to farmers shipping wheat through line elevators to be sure and send car number to Pool Office, as soon as loaded, so that the Pool Office can

SEVEN U. F. A. MEMBERS AMONG CHICAGO PRIZE WINNERS

Of the Alberta winners in seed grains at the Chicago International show this year, the following seven are members of the U. F. A.:

Herman Trelle, Wembley; A. C. B. Grenville, Morrin; J. A. Hannaford, Howie; L. M. Foote, Rainier; Robert Cochrane, Grande Prairie; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn; Mrs. M. Graham, Riverton.

Political Action and Co-operative Marketing Must Assist Each Other, Declares Walton H. Peteet

Both Are Necessary, Declares Leading Co-operative Marketing Expert of the United States—Co-operative Marketing Without Contract Legislation Would Leave Farmer Still Handicapped—One-Sided Action Alone Is Insufficient

In the following article, issued by the Publicity Department of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association, Walton H. Peteet, the most eminent of practical Co-operative Marketing Experts, of the U. S. A., declares that there is no conflict between action on the political field and the co-operative marketing movement, but that on the contrary, both are necessary, and that without legislative action, co-operative marketing "will still leave agriculture handicapped by conditions which will continue to pull it down."

Walton Peteet, former secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations, and present editor of The Co-operative Marketing Journal with headquarters at Washington, D.C., makes a very able comparison of co-operative marketing and surplus control legislation. In part Mr. Peteet says:

"Agriculture as a national industry is losing its old position in our national economy.

"Its relative share of the national income is decreasing and is not sufficient to permit farmers to raise their standards of living proportionately with other classes.

"There are two main causes for this declining position, one economic, and the other political.

"The economic cause is the loss of bargaining power in the market places.

"Two generations ago, when practically all business was on a small scale individual basis, the farmer could trade

on even terms with the small town dealer and buyer of his products. In this day of highly organized and integrated industry carried on by gigantic corporations, the individual farmer cannot deal on even terms with the buyers of his products, and he has no voice in the market places.

"Co-operative marketing is the farmers' answer. It is his effort to regain bargaining power in the market places where his products are sold.

"The political cause of the declining position of agriculture is a national protective system whose cost to farmers is greater than its benefits.

"The effort to secure surplus control legislation is the farmers' answer to that injustice.

"Question: Are co-operative marketing and surplus control legislation competitive remedies? Will the success of one render the other unnecessary?

"My answer is, no; they are not competitive.

"The operation of successful co-operative marketing organizations will still leave agriculture handicapped by conditions which will continue to pull it down.

"Surplus control legislation can be made permanently effective only through co-operative marketing organization of farmers.

"Therefore, there is no antagonism between the two movements. They are complements, one of the other. Co-operative marketing cannot accomplish all its aims without surplus control legislation; and surplus control legislation cannot be fully effective without co-operative marketing."

Calgary Local Urges Appointment of Pacific Standards Board

Board of Directors of U. F. A. Will Be Requested to Bring Resolution Before Annual Convention—Lack of Pacific Board Works Great Hardship to Alberta Producers

Pointing out that the present standard samples furnished the Government inspectors do not contain a fair sample of Alberta wheat; that the lack of a Standards Board for grain routed West is working a hardship upon producers of wheat in Alberta, inasmuch as no Alberta Standard Sample is recognized in the world's markets, the Calgary U. F. A. Local, at a meeting on December 23rd, urged the adoption by the Annual Convention of a resolution requesting the appointment of a Pacific Standards Board, and toward that end the co-operation of the Wheat Pool, the Grain Trade, the Provincial Governments of Alberta and British Columbia, the Boards of Trade of the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, and representatives of both Provinces in the Dominion Parliament.

The resolution, which was moved by W. Macleod and seconded by S. J. Ewing, was adopted unani-

mously, and the Central Board will be asked to present it for consideration by the Convention.

LOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ROUTE

The resolution laid emphasis on the fact that the Western grain route has now become firmly established; that our trade in cereals with Japan and China is rapidly increasing; and that with the world's shipping in normal condition, the Western route is the logical and economic route by means of which the products of Alberta reach the markets of the world.

The resolution on the subject of the personnel of the present Grain Standards Board adopted by the November Calgary conference was also endorsed by the Local.

ALREADY PAYS MORE THAN SHARE OF TAXES

The following resolution was also

adopted, with a request that it be placed on the agenda of the Convention, by the Central Board:

"Whereas, agriculture already pays more than its fair share of the revenue of the country by means of indirect taxation;

"Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention urges the necessity for the strongest opposition to any proposals for the abolition or reduction of the income tax, and is of the opinion that any revision of the income tax should be in an upward direction."

The election of officers of the Local for 1927 took place at meetings of the Local on December 9th, and on December 23rd. R. O. German was elected Honorary President, on his retirement from the Presidency at the conclusion of a most successful year. E. R. Briggs was elected President and R. N. Mangles Vice-President. N. P. Davisson was re-elected secretary and H. Whittred was elected treasurer. The following were elected Directors: Howard Flett, S. J. Ewing, L. McKinnon, R. O. German and Norman Smith. Delegates appointed to the Annual Convention were W. Macleod, Guy W. Johnston and L. McKinnon.

O, THE EARTH IS A MILL

By BERT HUFFMAN

O, the Earth is a Mill
And We are the Waters
Surging over the Wheel;
Grinding the Grist
Of Endless Endeavor—
Of Destiny, tragic and real.

Turning it blindly,
Grinding out Agonies,
Passions and Hatreds and Woe—
Ceaselessly surging
Like torrents unbridled,
Over the Mill Wheel we go.

Grinding the Black Grist
Of Toil unrewarded—
Of Strifes that fall fruitless and dead;
And o'er us the Miller
Our Master, stands idle,
Glutted, enriched, on our Bread.

O, We are the Mill Wheel,
The Waters dynamic,
The Grist and the Miller, and all.
We are the Gear Wheels,
The Pinions, the Spindles—
Ours are the Moanings that fall!

O, Grind we in Gladness
A new Grist of Brotherhood
Filling and thrilling the land;
For We are the Master,
The Brain of the Miller,
His Soul, and the Skill of his Hand!
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NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Members and Locals Edited by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Wheat Pool Deprives Mixing Houses of Harvest Formerly Reaped From Producers in "Spotted" Crop Years

Col. G. C. Porter, Independent Writer in Vancouver Sun, Declares Wheat Pool Is Preventing Mixing Houses From Making Usual Heavy Killing, and Shows Reason Why—Even Millers Unable to Buy Sprouted Cars as in the Old Days

The following article, taken from the Vancouver Sun, of Nov. 30th, is written by Col. G. C. Porter, the well-known Winnipeg newspaper man. The article is especially interesting on account of being the opinion of a man who is in no way connected with the Canadian Pools. It is reprinted verbatim.

Mixing houses at the lake head are not doing so well with the de-graded wheat this season as in other years. The explanation is simple. The Pool has now the machinery to dry, clean and mix various grades of grain. With Pool patrons getting the higher prices for the off grain, the farmer who is not in the Pool is forcing the trade to pay on the same basis.

POOL ELIMINATES TOLL ON MIXING

In other years a "spotted" crop has always meant a rich harvest for the mixing houses, with corresponding losses to the producer. With the huge terminals and mixing machinery taken over by the Pool from the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company at the lake terminals, this service is now being performed for Pool wheat without the payment of the big toll the trade used to exact from this source.

This is the chief reason why, in spite of the great quantity of off grades this season, prices are being maintained. Even the millers are unable to buy sprouted cars as in the old days. It is bringing up the average. With the increased yield and the higher levels the present crop handled by the Pool promises to exceed in value that of last year.

DESPERATE PROPAGANDA OF GRAIN TRADE

But the propaganda being put out by the trade against the Pool policy is fierce and appears to be promoted regardless of expense. Newspapers as well as lecturers are being used to assail the Pool system. The duel is especially keen over whether or not the prices paid Pool patrons for the 1925-26 crop equalled those received by the non-Pool growers. The average paid by the Pool was away above the level of former years and the management claims the propaganda of the trade on this point is ridiculous. They

point out that the trade takes a high price, probably for a moment on the exchange and asks: "Why did the Pool not give you that high level and sell its holdings at that figure while it ruled?"

HEAVY UNLOADING WOULD BREAK PRICES

As a matter of fact such quotations, the Pool management points out, cannot be regarded as the basis for orderly marketing. In the first place an unusual figure quoted drives buyers off the market. If the Pool attempted to unload a few million bushels at such a figure the market would really break to a lower level of prices, and this the trade well knows.

Pool supporters are not much concerned over the effort of the trade to kill co-operative organization. They will market nearly three-fourths of this year's wheat with an ever-increasing membership and little if any dissatisfaction among the members. In fact the only interests that appear to be dissatisfied with Pool policy are the representatives of the private marketing system.

FORCED TRADE TO MEET HIGHER LEVELS

So strong has the Pool become that the speculative market no longer sets the price of wheat in Canada. With a system of Grain Exchanges operating alongside the Pool, entrenched behind 50 years of success, the Pool has steadily increased its volume of business and forced the trade to meet the higher levels in order to get any grain at all.

Exchange quotations no longer regulate the price of wheat in Canada. This is considered one of the chief triumphs of the new marketing system.

There is no mystery about the Pool. It is merely an association of farmers who are trying to get reasonable prices for what they produce in the way of wheat. For twenty years this was sought

by statutory enactment. These regulations did not curb the rapacity of the trade, whose members were growing wealthier while the farmers who produced the commodity out of which the trade made its millions became poorer. Then in desperation came the Pool, which has grown into a gigantic commercial success, handling more than \$200,000,000 worth of wheat annually.

EXCHANGE DOES NOT REGULATE REVENUE

It is not the exchanges as the price-determining factors that regulate the Western Canadian farmers' revenue from wheat any more. The orderly marketing system of the Pool has put a stop to this phase of the grain trade which in other years made wealthy men of everybody that handled grain except the producers.

LOBBY AGAINST CAMPBELL BILL

And the first important thing to come before Parliament will be the Campbell Act to give the Pool its rights in having grain of its patrons shipped to Pool terminals no matter in what elevator it may be deposited. This is the measure that became law, as far as the House was concerned, almost unanimously last year, but which failed to get by the Senate. A powerful lobby is expected to oppose the bill as it did last year, but the Pool management thinks it will this time become law in spite of the foes in the trade and the powerful influence they exert in legislative circles. Anyway, the opposition from the trade does not seem to be hurting the Pool, as memberships and volume of grain are steadily increasing in all three Provinces of the consolidated Pool.

Selling Organization Indispensable

Pool Farmer, Who Made 17½c More Than Price on Open Market, Expresses Views

Alberta Wheat Pool Secretary:
Dear Sir:—

As we are seeing the usual statements in the press showing that the non-Wheat Pool farmer has received a higher price for his wheat than the Pool farmer member, I here give the facts re my own crop:

On October 25th, 1925, I took my first load to the elevator at Colinton. It was graded No. 3. On that date No. 3 at Colinton, cash price was 98c. I received an initial payment of 73½c, also two interim payments of 20c each and a final payment of 2c per bushel, giving me in all a total price of \$1.15 per bushel. In

my case I have actually received 17½¢ over the elevator price on the day I took my first load. There has also been deducted the operating cost, commercial reserve and elevator reserve, a portion of which is an asset. As I feel that the average farmer is interested in the actual net price received, I am glad to state the facts in my own case. In conclusion I might add that for many reasons a farmer cannot sell when he would like to, but must take advantage of the roads and weather, as every day is not fit to haul grain and then, in most cases, he needs money to meet his obligations, so a selling organization is, in my humble opinion, indispensable for him.

I am sir, yours very truly,

DAVID M. YOUNG,
President Perryvale Local,
Wheat Pool.
Perryvale, Alta.

Pools Are Salvation of the Farmers

Must Follow Example of Other Big Business Enterprises

Red Deer Advocate: While there are various forms of farmer-organization throughout Western Canada, and too much of the success of their work depends at present upon such leaders as Wood, Crerar, Brownlee, yet it seems inevitable that farm-marketing organizations such as co-operative societies, pools, etc., must be the salvation of the farmer in face of the powerful labor, railway, wholesaling, newspaper, banking and capitalistic organizations which confront him. For any farmer to think that, unaided and as an individual, he can fight his own way and get a just return for his labor for himself for his children and for his neighbors, in the face of the "big business methods" which dominate the world today, seems strange. It is only because he does not realize how extensively farmer-organization has spread in the Scandinavian countries, in Germany, in Australia, in Italy, in the States, in Canada, that he despises the efforts of his Western Canada brethren to help themselves by co-operative organization. Some farmers will succeed under almost any conditions, in newer countries, especially; nearly all will do well some years; but the bulk of them in the older countries have a hard row to hoe; they may work through, but it is a strenuous struggle.

Grain Men Losing Source of Profit

Propaganda Obviously Based on Selfish Motives

High River Times: As a reason for the unusual present interest expressed by the grain men for the welfare of the farmer, we quote a few statements from the recent remarks of Mr. Smith, which would convince an ordinarily sane man that the propaganda now being broadcast is based on selfish motives in an endeavor to check the inroads of a legitimate and modern business which is at present robbing the grain men of a hitherto wonderfully profitable business at the expense of the growers of grain.

WHEAT POOL NEWS NOTES

WHEAT POOL MEMBERSHIP

Figures showing the growth of the Alberta Wheat Pool since its inception were announced at the Pool office in Calgary, Wednesday. On November 10th, 1923, there were 25,601 members owning or controlling 2,416,413 acres, while at the end of November, this year, there were 38,005 members, controlling 3,622,724 acres. The figures by districts, compiled at October 30th, are as follows:

| | Members | Acres |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Lethbridge ----- | 3,922 | 493,962 |
| Claresholm ----- | 2,912 | 482,722 |
| South Calgary ----- | 3,731 | 487,936 |
| North Calgary ----- | 4,183 | 534,259 |
| Red Deer ----- | 6,600 | 516,991 |
| Camrose ----- | 5,268 | 545,711 |
| Edmonton ----- | 11,389 | 561,055 |
| Added during Nov. -- | 426 | 27,304 |

The progress of the Alberta Wheat Pool since its inception is further illustrated by the following figures:

| | Members | Acres |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| Nov. 10, 1923 ----- | 25,601 | 2,416,413 |
| Dec. 31, 1924 ----- | 30,711 | 2,952,890 |
| Dec. 31, 1925 ----- | 35,997 | 3,457,673 |
| Nov. 30, 1926 ----- | 38,005 | 3,622,724 |

Out of seven and a half million bushels of wheat shipped via Vancouver and Prince Rupert, the Wheat Pool has shipped four million bushels.

The Canadian Pool, which sells the wheat gathered by the three Provincial Pools, has six hundred milling customers in France, and handled eighty per cent. of all the wheat bought in France last year. Per capita, the people of France use more wheat than any other nation.

Ben S. Plumer, Director for North Calgary Wheat Pool district, addressed meetings at Stettler and Lethbridge during the past week. Farmers are particularly urged to attend all meetings at which Pool topics will be discussed. Learn the facts about the Pool.

R. J. Moffat, Bradwell, Sask., has been appointed managing director of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. The expansion of the Pool in that Province has made this move necessary.

Ontario farmers are planning the formation of a Grain Pool. Last year an Ontario farmer co-operative company exported winter wheat through the assistance of the Canadian Wheat Pool.

A couple of participation certificates issued by the Wheat Board of 1920 were sent into the Alberta Wheat Pool office. While the Wheat Pool has no connection with the old Wheat Board, an office of the latter is still open, and arrangements were made to have these certificates honored. A very large sum of money is held by the old Wheat Board against unclaimed participation certificates.

W. J. Jackman, Director for Edmonton who has been investigating conditions in the Argentine, is expected home around New Year's day. The Canadian Pool

office wired that Mr. Jackman was to land in New York on December 27th.

The January meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool directors will be held in Edmonton during the U. F. A. Convention.

The first British ship to carry wheat from Prince Rupert was the Yoserie. This boat took 226,000 bushels of Pool wheat from the Alberta Pool terminal last week. This terminal has been practically filled with wheat and boats have been loading rapidly.

BREVITIES

SHORT DAY; BIG RESULTS

Tuesday, December 21st was the shortest day in the year, but long enough for forty applications for membership to be registered with the Alberta Wheat Pool.

NON-ESSENTIALS TROUBLESOME

People throughout the ages have been much more inclined to fight and quarrel over non-essentials and things that don't matter at all than to quarrel over fundamentals. They will usually agree on the fundamentals, but will quarrel like cats and dogs over things that don't amount to a snap of the finger.—A. J. McPhail.

POOL MEETINGS

R. N. Mangles, manager of the Growers' Department of the Alberta Pool, addressed meetings at Clive and Birch Lake on December 17th.

GRAIN HANDLED

The amount of grain handled by the three Prairie Pools from the 1925 crop was:

| | Pool Wheat | Total Wheat Produced |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Alberta ----- | 45,167,110 | 92,144,116 |
| Manitoba ----- | 12,451,886 | 36,201,601 |
| Saskatchewan ----- | 129,600,552 | 229,213,120 |

Out of a total of 357,559,637 bushels of wheat delivered, the Central Selling Agency of the Pools handled 187,200,000 bushels, or over 52 per cent. of the total deliveries.

ONTARIO TO FORM POOL

The farmers of Ontario are going ahead with plans for the formation of a Wheat Pool. In anticipation of this move the "Toronto Saturday Night" is unlimbering its "big artillery."

HANNA "POOLERS" MEET

A meeting of Pool farmers was held in Hanna on Saturday, December 18th. This meeting was called by E. D. Blain, Delegate, for the discussion of grading and other matters of interest. R. A. McPherson, Director for North Calgary, and Wm. McLeod, grading expert on the Pool staff, addressed the meeting.

ATTEND POOL MEETINGS

Attend the meetings of the Pool Locals. Be on hand when your Director comes around to speak. Learn the facts about your Pool first hand and not from an enemy in the disguise of a friend.

LOST TEN MILLION

Financial men in the Dark Tobacco District of Kentucky, have produced figures to show that tobacco producers in that region lost nearly TEN MILLION DOLLARS last year through the fact that

competitive selling of tobacco had been resumed following the collapse of the Pool. The "Tobacco Trade" destroyed the Dark Tobacco Pool. Their methods were: Over-grading and misrepresentation.

* * * COMPULSORY POOLING IN B.C.

The Minister of Agriculture in British Columbia is seriously contemplating legislation to make co-operation by fruit growers compulsory. Non-poolers have been taking advantage of Pool prices and refusing to share Pool burdens. The Minister, Hon. E. D. Barrow, says he is ready to make a test of a compulsory law.

* * * APPRECIATIVE!

Henry Kemper, of Metiskow, writes to the Alberta Pool: "I thank you very much for the price obtained for the 1925 crop. It is very remarkable that the Pool realized 80c for No. 6 or feed. Our opposition paid the same amount for No. 1 in 1923. I am glad you made the deductions to buy or build elevators."

* * * LARGE LOAD OF POOL WHEAT

The Saskatchewan Pool reports that Alex. Nolan, a Pool farmer, delivered the biggest load of wheat ever hauled into Rouleau, Sask., by four horses. The gross weight of the load was 13,040 lbs., and the total amount of wheat was 188½ bushels.

* * * MUCH HAS BEEN DONE

Northwestern Miller: "Whatever one's views on the theory of Pool marketing, it is necessary to concede that the officials and directors of the Canadian Pool have accomplished much in organization and in bringing the enterprise to its present state of efficiency. Faced with the necessity of pioneering in a new field with untried tools, the Pool has proven its ability to adapt itself to changing conditions, and undoubtedly has won the confidence, not only of its members, but of business and industrial interests in Canada outside of Agriculture and the Grain Trade. This can be regarded as a signal accomplishment."

Weekly Publisher Backs Up Pool

Consigns Anti-Pool Propaganda to the Waste Paper Basket

Bawlf Sun: Sanford Evans' address contains so many veiled assertions that it is easy to see that there is either something radically wrong in the basic principles of the Pools, or that Mr. Evans is employing a clever device to knock the greatest co-operative project that was ever inaugurated in North America, or anywhere else. For the benefit of this project in which we have unbounded faith, we are giving as much publicity from week to week, as our facilities will warrant as a country newspaper publisher.

Next week we shall endeavor to publish an address given by D. L. Smith, sales manager of the Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools, entitled, "The Wheat Pool and Wheat Prices". We have consigned the Evans address to the dead hook, which is the next thing to the waste paper basket.

Day of Testing of the Wheat Pool

An Editorial by the Calgary Herald on the Progress of the Pooling System
—A Warning Against the Anti-Pool Campaign

The Alberta Wheat Pool, through members of its Board of Directors, is giving an account of its work to the people of the Province. The Pool has done this each year since it was organized. This frankness in taking the people into the Pool's confidence is one of the causes of the confidence that has been reposed in it.

Those on the other side, the powerful opponents of the Pool method of wheat-marketing, have said that the testing time of the Pool will come when it attempts to re-sign present members for another period of time. That is true. What is equally true is that the enemies of the Pool will seize upon this occasion to destroy it if they can. They will not wait till the re-signing campaign begins. Long before that they will be active.

Their line of attack can be broadly foreseen. They will seek to undermine confidence in Pool operations and they will try to convince the wheat-growers of the Province that marketing of wheat by the Pool method has brought them considerably less financial return than marketing through the old agencies.

If the Wheat Pool does not deserve the confidence of its members, why has this allegation been presented only by those who are affected adversely financially by the progress that has been made by the Pool system in Western Canada?

The Pool in Alberta is a huge organization. It has approximately 40,000 members. Its operations in wheat are

of mammoth proportions. If it had done badly one would have expected those most intimately affected—the farmers themselves—to raise the first outcry. No charge of that nature has been publicly made by members.

On the contrary, members seem to be very well satisfied indeed.

The Herald has not heard one Alberta merchant complain of the results of the Pool system. It has heard many speak in terms of warm approval of the value of the Pool to farmers and to business men.

Not one banker has criticized the Pool to the knowledge of this paper. But many have spoken well of it and have commended its method of financing payments to the farmers.

It is significant that those who decry the Pool are those who would benefit by the passing of it.

The time is not too early for warning the farmers of this Province of the campaign against the Pool which may be expected. That it will succeed in Alberta is most improbable. The Wheat Pool farmers will hold together.

Ability, experience and prudence have marked the administration of the Pool in this Province. Pool marketing is not a flash-in-the-pan venture, but a definite and probably permanent development in the evolution of transferring wheat from producer to consumer.—Calgary Herald, Dec. 23rd, 1926.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

In addition to resolutions already published in whole or in summary, the following have been received to date, for consideration at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. this month, all, with the exception of the first, having been too late for inclusion in the list mailed to Locals:

TELEPHONES—UNIFORM RING ON RURAL LINES

Whereas, it is often necessary to call every subscriber on a rural phone line at the same time for the purpose of advertising a meeting or any other matter which it is necessary to make known to everyone;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Telephone Department of the Provincial Government be asked to establish a ring which shall be the same on all rural lines of the Province and which ring shall not be the ring of any individual, but shall be a general call of every subscriber on the line.—Coronation Provincial C. A.

IRRIGATION ACT

Resolved, that the Irrigation Act be amended so as to release farmers from paying the tax where the water was not wanted.—Macleod Federal C. A.

CLEANING GRAIN

Resolved, that if the Government representative finds the grain cleaner satisfactory, the custom thrasher be compelled to operate a grain cleaner on his threshing machine.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

GOVERNMENT STANDARD

Resolved, that we express our dissatisfaction in the present variable Government standard of wheat and urge that really definite standards be established.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Resolved, that it is in the interest of good government that the Prime Minister should require a majority vote before he can dissolve Parliament.—Macleod Federal C. A.

RE-ELECTION OF CABINET MINISTERS

Resolved, that the law be amended to allow a member of the House of Commons to accept a Cabinet position without losing his seat.—Macleod Federal C. A.

CORRECT TIME OVER TELEPHONE EACH DAY

Whereas, we believe that the question of correct time is a vexatious problem, both to rural people and to telephone operators on rural lines;

Therefore, we would recommend to the Department of Railways and Telephones the following simple solution in practice in many places in the United States: that each day at a fixed hour the operator ring one long ring on each rural line.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

CAPPING OIL WELLS

Resolved, that some means be found to prevent oil companies from capping wells which show signs of immediate production.—Stettler Provincial C. A.

INCOME TAX

Resolved, that we support the Council of Agriculture's resolutions concerning income tax, with the exception of the last section dealing with double taxations.—Stettler Provincial C. A.

TELEPHONE RATES

Resolved, that we oppose any increase in the rural telephone rates, and favor instead a telephone tax of ten dollars (\$10.00) per quarter section on all land which is passed by a telephone line, unless the owner thereof has a telephone on some part of his land, and.

Be it further resolved, that we recommend that the telephone rates be reduced by twenty-five cents per month, believing that the loss of revenue caused by this reduction will be more than offset by the large number of telephones which would be installed, and the corresponding increase in trunk calls.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

CITIZENSHIP OF MARRIED WOMEN

Resolved, that a woman should not lose her franchise when she marries a man who is not a citizen.—Macleod Federal C. A.

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA LIVESTOCK POOL

A Page of Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.

Alberta Livestock Pool Contracts Form Main Business of the United Livestock Growers

Synopsis Shows Business Done for Month of November, on Edmonton and Calgary Yards, and Proportion Representing Contracts of Alberta Pool—Calgary Hog Prices Maintain Higher Level Than Those of Winnipeg

The following is a synopsis of the business done on the Calgary and Edmonton yards by the United Livestock Growers for the month of November, showing the proportion of the business which was contracted to the Alberta Livestock Pool. Their yards at Moose Jaw and Winnipeg also did a very good commission business:

| | Calgary | Edmonton |
|--|---------|----------|
| Cars U. L. G. ----- | 204 | 354 |
| Cars of Alberta Pool | | |
| Contract Stock ----- | 127 | 223 |
| Yard Percentage Not Including Direct Shipments | | |
| Cattle ----- | 22.1 | 34.2 |
| Hogs ----- | 22.5 | 59.4 |
| Sheep ----- | 8.6 | 43.9 |

Value—
Total U. L. G. —\$257,800.37 \$435,951.42
Total Contract for
Alta. Pool —\$169,925.73 \$231,109.40

CALGARY HOG PRICES HIGHER THAN WINNIPEG

Hog prices have been good and the following is a comparative statement of the Calgary and Winnipeg thick smooth prices:

| | Calgary | Winnipeg |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| November 3rd— | \$11.60 | \$11.00 |
| November 10th— | 10.50 | 10.50 |
| November 17th— | 10.25 | 10.00 |
| November 24th— | 10.35 | 9.60 |
| December 1st — | 10.60&10.75 | 9.75 |
| December 8th— | 11.00 | 10.50 |
| December 15th— | 10.60 | 10.00 |
| December 23rd— | 11.10 | 10.50 |

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GOOD INFLUENCE ON HOG MARKET

The Alberta Livestock Pool, through their selling agency, the United Livestock Growers, are providing a good influence on the hog market and are taking advantage of the Coast and States markets to keep our prices above the Winnipeg price rather than leave them in line with Winnipeg or 50c below that market.

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TO PUT CARDSTON AREA ON CONTRACT BASIS

On Tuesday night, December 21st, representatives of the Provincial Livestock Pool and the Southern Alberta Co-op. met the Cardston Livestock Shipping Association Board, which is reorganizing in that territory, and made plans for a series of meetings for the last week in January to put this territory on a contract basis. The Cardston district is one of the heaviest livestock producing districts in Alberta, and this Association bids fair to be one of the most successful of our co-operative shipping associa-

tions. Mr. Card, the President of the Cardston Board of Trade, was present at the meeting, and volunteered his personal assistance as well as the assistance of his Board, after expressing his firm belief in the possibilities of co-operative livestock marketing.

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Needed Amendments in the Livestock and Products Act

The Alberta Livestock Pool is in receipt of a wire from Mr. Motherwell, the Minister of Agriculture, in reply to a request from them to be represented when the change is being considered in the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, Regulations and Exchange bylaws, and he states that his representative is on the way to Ottawa from the West and wishes to confer with him before taking up the matter of the changes in the Act to permit of co-operative marketing.

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U.L.G. DID NOT GET MANIFESTS

Co-operative shippers who are preparing for their annual meeting are writing in to the United Livestock Growers for manifests which they have loaned to

what they thought was an employee of the United Livestock Growers. The United Livestock Growers at no time got manifests from their shippers during the trouble with the Livestock Exchange in Calgary. These former employees of the United Livestock Growers at that time were working with, if not for, the Calgary Livestock Exchange, and these manifests can most likely be procured if the shippers will write direct to the President of the Calgary Livestock Exchange.

PROTESTS CONDITIONS AT CHICAGO

Special representations for the improvement of conditions under which seed grain is shown at Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, will be made by Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, of Alberta, and other Provincial Departments of Agriculture, to the authorities of the Chicago show. These representations follow up protests which have been made for the past four years by representatives from Alberta and other Provinces against the unsatisfactory conditions under which the grain is shown at Chicago. These conditions are such that it is possible for an outsider to interfere with, and introduce adulteration into the grain exhibits before the judges have done their work. It was found this year that mixed grain had been introduced into the Alberta and other Canadian exhibits a short time before judging commenced, and unknown to the authorities, and it was only quick work on the part of the exhibitors themselves that saved the exhibits from being counted out. The authorities will be asked to furnish complete protection for the exhibits before next year's exhibition.

Propose to Develop a Market in Canada for Canadian Coal

Canadian Coal Publicity Committee Organized—Requests Farmers' Assistance

For the purpose of developing public interest in a National Coal Policy for Canada, a Canadian Coal Publicity Committee has been formed. The Alberta Government and U. F. A. Federal members are actively interesting themselves in an effort to further such a policy, and E. J. Garland, M.P., who has devoted himself energetically to the problem since he was first elected to the House of Commons, recently addressed a meeting of the Drumheller Board of Trade on this important subject. A short time ago Premier Brownlee made a very thorough survey of the situation, and of the efforts which the Alberta Government is making to develop a market for the rich coal resources of this Province, at a meeting of the Calgary Board of Trade.

Mr. Stutchbury is anxious that all citizens of Alberta should concern themselves in this problem, and has requested that all members of the U. F. A.

should assist in arousing interest in the campaign by typing or writing at the end of all their letters the slogan, "Canadian Coal for Canadians."

In his recent address, Mr. Garland declared it was desirable to think not only in terms of the coal of Alberta, which is an immense potential field of supply, but also to work, from a national standpoint, for a policy which will bring the coal of the Maritimes and of Saskatchewan to the points in this country where coal is not a native product. Not one cent of the \$100,000,000 which represents Canada's outlay for imported coal, need be spent, he said, if a wise policy were followed in the development of the markets for our own product.

Mr. Stutchbury will be glad to furnish information upon the objects of the committee to any of our readers who will write him at the Union Bank Building, Edmonton.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROCHDALE EQUITABLE PIONEERS' SOCIETY

How a Small Group of Lancashire Weavers Who Were Unemployed Laid the Foundations of the Great Co-operative Institutions of Britain

By GEORGE H. HOLYOAKE

In March, 1845, it was resolved that a license for the sale of tea and tobacco be taken out for the next quarter, in the name of Charles Howarth. This step evidently involved the employment of more capital, for, though the members had increased, funds had not increased sufficiently for this purpose. The members, in public meeting assembled, were made aware of this fact. Then for the second time in the history of the Rochdale Store, do we hear of any member being in possession of more than twopence.

"PROMISED TO FIND" HALF A CROWN

One member promised to find half a crown (60c). "Promised to find" is the phrase employed on the occasion; it was not "promised to pay, or subscribe, or advance." "Promised to find" probably alluded to the effort required to produce a larger sum than twopence in those parts. Another member "promised to find" five shillings, and another "promised to find" one pound (\$5).

This last announcement was received with no mean surprise, and the rich and reckless man who made the promise was regarded with double veneration, as being at once a millionaire and a martyr. Other members promised to find various sums in proportion to their means, and in due time the husbands could get from the store the solace of tobacco, and wives the solace of tea.

SAVED INSTEAD OF GETTING INTO DEBT

At the close of 1845 the store numbered upwards of 80 members and possessed a capital of £181 12s 3d. At first the store paid 2½ per cent. interest on borrowed money; then 4 per cent. After paying this interest and the small expenses of management, the profits were divided among the purchases at the store in proportion to the amount expended; and the members soon began to appreciate this very palpable and desirable addition to their income. Instead of their getting into debt at the grocer's, the store was becoming a savings bank to the members, and saved money for them without trouble to themselves.

LIMIT OF FOUR SHARES PER MEMBER

The Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers made up its mind that a capital of £1,000 must be raised for the establishment of a store; this sum to be raised by £1 shares, of which each member should be required to hold four and no more. In case more than £1,000 was required, it was to be lawful for a member to hold five shares. At the commencement of the store, it was allowed a member to have any number of shares under fifty-one. The chances of any member availing himself of this opportunity were very dreary, but the officers were ordered and empowered, and commanded to buy down all fifty pound shares with all convenient speed, and

We print below the second instalment of the History of the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society. Mr. Holyoake's article is published in behalf of the Alberta Co-operative League.

any member holding more than four shares was compelled to sell the surplus at their original cost, when applied to by the officers of the Society. But should a member be thrown out of employment, he was then allowed to sell his shares to the Board of Directors, or other members, by arrangement, which would enable him to obtain a higher value. Each member of the Society, on his admission night, had to appear personally in the meeting room and state his willingness to take out four £1 shares, and to pay a deposit of not less than threepence per share or one shilling, and to pay not less than threepence per week after, and to allow all interests and profits that might be due to him to remain in the funds until the amount was equal to four shares in the capital.

FINE FOR NEGLECT TO MEET PAYMENTS

Any member neglecting his payments was to be liable to a fine, except the neglect arose from distress, sickness, or want of employment. When overtaken by distress, a member was allowed to sell his shares, save one.

Every member was to be formally proposed, his name, trade and residence made known to everyone concerned, and a general meeting effected his election.

The officers of the Society included a President, Treasurer and Secretary, elected half yearly, with three trustees and five Directors; Auditors as usual.

OPENED ONLY TWO DAYS A WEEK

The store was opened on the evenings of Mondays and Saturdays only—from seven to nine on Mondays, from six to eleven on Saturdays. It would appear from this that the poor flannel weavers only bought twice a week in those times. A dreadful string of fines is attached to the laws of 1844. The value of a Trustee or Director may be estimated by the fact that his fine for non-attendance was sixpence (12c). It is plain that the Society expected to lose only half a crown if the whole five ran away. However, they proved to be worth more than the very humble price they put upon themselves.

Under their management members rapidly increased in numbers and the store was opened March, 1845, every night except Tuesday. In February, 1846, it was resolved that the store be opened on Saturday afternoons for the meeting of members; an indication that the business of the store was becoming interesting and required more attention than the weavers were able to give to it after their long day's labor was over.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP IN BAD TIMES

In case of distress occurring to a member, we have seen that he was permitted to dispose of his shares, retaining only one. During 1847 trade was bad, and many of the members withdrew part of their shares. Nothing can better show the soundness of the advantages created by the Society than the fact that the first time trade became bad, and provisions dear, the members rapidly increased. The people felt the pinch, and it made them look out for the best means of making a little go far and finding that the amount of a shilling entrance fee, and threepence a week afterwards (which sum being paid on account of their shares, was really money saved), would enable them to join the store, they saw that doing so was quite within their means and much to their advantage.

BUSINESS OF STORE STEADILY INCREASED

The business of the store was gradually increasing all the time. The lower room of the old warehouse was now too small for the business, so the whole building, consisting of three stories and an attic, was taken by these enterprising co-operators, on lease for 21 years. More new members were added to the Society in 1849. The second floor became the meeting room of the members, and also a sort of news-room, for on August 20th, it was resolved, that Messrs. James Nuttall, Henry Green, Abraham Greenwood, George Adcroft, James Hill and Robert Taylor be a committee to open a stall for the sale of books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., the profits to be applied to furnishing the members' room with newspapers and books. At the close of 1849 the number of members had reached 390. The capital now amounted to £1,193 19s 1d, and the weekly receipts for goods £179.

NO SECTARIAN TESTS FOR MEMBERS

Very early in the history of co-operation, the Co-operative Congress wisely agreed to this resolution: "Whereas, the co-operative world contains persons of every religious sect, and of all political parties, it is unanimously resolved, that co-operators, as such, are not identified with any religious, irreligious, or political tenets whatever, neither those of Mr. Owen, nor of any other individual."

Sectarianism is at all times the bane of public unity. Without toleration of all opinion, popular co-operation is impossible.

In April, 1851, seven years after its commencement, the store was open for the first time, all day.

This year the members of the store numbered 630; its capital £13,925; its weekly sales £1,540.

(To be continued)

Russia Will Purchase From 3,000 to 5,000 Horses in Canada This Year, Govt. Authorities Are Informed

Experiences of Officials of Dominion Livestock Branch on Visit to Republic With Shipment of 1,000 Horses Last Year Described—Type of Horse Required—Officials State Reports of Chaotic Conditions in Russia Do Not Seem to Be Based on First Hand Information

We print below an interesting account of their visit to Russia with a shipment of 1,000 Western horses, by two officials of the Dominion Livestock Branch. This report has been issued with a request for publication by Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Federal Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and has received some publicity in the daily press. In a portion of the daily press the whole of the report was printed with the exception of one paragraph, which described the visitors' impressions of the state of the country. It appears to us that the suppression of this paragraph was unwarranted, and we have therefore printed it in black type in the article below. So much difficulty has been experienced by Canadian newspaper readers in obtaining reliable information upon the condition of Russia since the revolution, that the impressions of independent departmental officials of the Dominion of Canada may be accounted as at least of considerable value to the people of this country.

Dr. Grisdale's letter to editors, accompanying the article, was as follows:

"As you are probably aware, this Department last fall purchased 1,000 head of Western horses on behalf of the Soviet Government, and shipped them to Russia. Our officers who accompanied these horses have now returned, and we feel that some publicity might well be given to their report on conditions as they found them in Russia. I have, accordingly, had a memorandum prepared in the form of an interview with Mr. Byers, and you might consider it worth while to publish it in your paper, as I think it is a news item which would probably be of interest to your readers.

"Yours very truly,

J. H. GRISDALE,
Deputy Minister.

J. C. Hargrave, V.S., of the Health of Animals Branch, and Jack Byers of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, have returned to Canada from Russia where they delivered 1,000 Western horses to the U. S. S. R. at Leningrad. In September, 1925, the Dominion Department of Agriculture sent a trial shipment of various types of horses to Europe with a view to interesting European countries in buying Canadian horses.

CONTRACT COMPLETED IN SUMMER OF 1926

The advertising resulting from this shipment, together with persistent negotiations on the part of the Department, eventually resulted early in the summer of 1926 in the Soviet Government completing the contract with the Department of Agriculture to purchase 1,000 horses and to deliver them to Leningrad. These horses had to be halter broken, five to seven years old, sound, suitable for saddle work, and not less than 14½ hands in height. Five hundred of these horses were bought in Saskatchewan and the remainder in Alberta and British Columbia, only a few coming from the latter Province owing to scarcity of help to round up on account of forest fires.

The co-operation of the stockmen in assembling this shipment was splendid and the full number was secured in a comparatively short time. There was, however, a delay of several weeks in securing a ship large enough to carry a consignment of this size. Finally, the steamship Hyacinthus was chartered and the horses were assembled at Calgary and Moose Jaw for shipment to Montreal, where they were loaded October 7. This was quite an event at Montreal, as it was the first full trainload of horses to cross the country and the first shipload to leave Montreal since the Great War.

DESCRIBES VISIT TO RUSSIA

Mr. Byers, on being interviewed, said: "At noon on October 8, we sailed from Montreal. The Hyacinthus proved to be a good sea boat and being favored with good weather, we were able to deliver the shipment at Leningrad on October 26 with the surprisingly small loss of only six head. Upon arrival, we found that no gangways or chutes had been constructed; this delayed unloading until noon of the 27th. During the two days' unloading, there were a few thrills and exciting moments such as only Western horses can provide, especially after a 6,500 mile sea journey with no opportunity to work off surplus energy. The horses were examined individually by the Soviet Commission as unloaded and were then led about seven miles to a military establishment where preparations had been made to receive them. At this establishment, the horses were carefully sorted according to type in preparation for inspection by General Bolinny and other officials from Moscow.

RIGID INSPECTION OF SHIPMENT

"As was to be expected in an initial shipment, this inspection was a very rigid one and the officials were careful to point out the types which came the closest to meeting their requirements. This may be described as an upstanding horse of saddle type not less than 15 hands and weighing anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. We were informed that this was the class of horse best adapted to the southern part of Russia (the Steppes) to which this shipment was destined. Fortunately, the type desired is that of which there is the greatest surplus in the range area of Western Canada and for which there has been practically no market in recent years. In the shipment were a number of horses which did not meet with very favorable reception. These were of the light artillery type and from the standpoint of the Canadian market, were the most valuable horses included.

IDEAS OF TYPE VERY DEFINITE

"The sorting was done by a committee of cavalry officers and on going down the lines after it was completed, one

could not but be impressed with the fact that these men were real horsemen and that their ideas of type were definite. Ten or a dozen horses of a certain type would be tied in a row and next to them would be an equal number of similar type but lacking perhaps in size or quality. When the various groups were finally in readiness for inspection by General Bolinny, the shades of difference as to type and desirability from the Russian standpoint were very distinctly demonstrated.

"General Bolinny, the Cossack hero of Russia, devoted a day to the inspection and our impression after listening to his comments, as interpreted to us, was that he was well satisfied with the majority of the horses. The following week, in our interviews with Nicolas Souglinsky in Moscow, we received assurance that the U. S. S. R. would purchase from 3,000 to 5,000 horses in Canada in the summer of 1927. Mr. Souglinsky is the head of the trade delegation in the U. S. S. R., his position being similar to that of our Minister of Trade and Commerce, but different in that he is directly responsible for all purchasing of live stock and machinery on behalf of the U. S. S. R. Government.

REPORTS APPARENTLY NOT ON FIRST HAND INFORMATION

"The courtesy and consideration which we received from Mr. Souglinsky who was with us practically all the time during our stay in Russia, was typical of the treatment we received from all officials, civil and military, with whom we came in contact. Our opportunities for observation were, of course, limited, but our movements during our stay were entirely unhampered and from what we saw of the life of the people and of their industrial activities, it would appear that many of the reports which we sometimes read of the alleged chaotic conditions in the U. S. S. R. cannot be based on first hand information. [This paragraph was omitted by a portion of the daily press.—Ed.]

"The U. S. S. R. seem to appreciate the trade relationships already established with Canada. Shortly after the new Republic was recognized by the Canadian Government, an official agent and trade representative of the U. S. S. R. was despatched to Canada and located with headquarters at Montreal. While this official is in a position to perfect the connection at the Canadian end, the authorities in the U. S. S. R. seem to feel that they are at a loss in discussing at their end prospective business in which Canada might be interested. At the present time, tractors and farm implements comprise the more important items in their import trade and on different occasions during our stay, regret was expressed that Canada had no trade representative stationed in the U. S. S. R. such as we have in other European countries."

EAGLE HILL LOCAL

Eagle Hill Local recently heard a report from T. E. Van Schmidt of a meeting held in Olds in connection with the proposed new railroad west of the C. & E. line. He reported that a committee had been appointed to gather statistics relative to the amount of farm produce raised within ten miles on either side of the proposed new line.

A short program was enjoyed, also the debate, "Resolved, that a young man should have at least \$2,000 before he marries."

Farmers, Stand by Your Pool!

John Glambeck, Who Has Grown Wheat in Alberta Since Pioneer Days, Contrasts the Old With the New Method of Selling

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

In going out among the farmers the question is often asked: "What do you think about the last Pool payment? Ought it not to have been larger, or is it not a fact that some of those not in the Pool got more for their wheat than those in it?" Or, "do you think those now in the Pool will sign up again?"

The only answer to these questions is this: "By all means stick to the Pool; the greatest calamity that could strike the farmers now would be to let the Pool die of non-support."

WOULD PLACE BOTH FEET ON FARMERS' NECK

We can rest assured that the various interests who for so long have waxed fat farming the farmer, and who between now and the next sign-up time will throw out baits to the farmer, trying to entice him away from the Pool, would, if it was possible to break the Pool, put down both feet on the farmers' neck and exploit him worse than ever.

If any wheat grower, not in the Pool, got more for his wheat this year than those in the Pool, it is due to the fact that the Pool has steadied the price and wheat statisticians generally agree that the better wheat prices the farmers received for the past two years were not due to a world shortage of wheat, but to the Wheat Pool.

NEVER HIGHER THAN 80 CENTS IN FALL

I have grown wheat for the past 18 years, and excepting the war years, I have never seen wheat higher than 70 to 80 cents (No. 1) in the fall of the year, when the majority of farmers were compelled to sell, and when wheat was dumped on the market, to the delight of the speculators. It is true that the few who could hold their wheat till later got a little more, but to that great majority who were forced to sell when their creditors (who often were also grain speculators), demanded that notes be paid, the Wheat Pool has been a blessing. But whatever benefits have accrued to the farmers from the Pool, we are only at the very beginning and if the farmers, not only of Western Canada, but in the States and the rest of the world, will stand loyal to the Pool, there are great possibilities ahead.

Wheat, like most of the farmers' products, is an unfinished article; it is not finished until the bread is bought over the counter or the sack of flour goes into the consumers' hands to be baked. Between the time where the farmer dumps his load into the elevator and when the bread is sold to the consumer, there stand a lot of middlemen, all taking profit, and while it may not be possible, at the present time, to eliminate the whole bunch, it stands to reason that the more we can do away with, the bigger the farmers' share will be, as none of these people are working for their health, nor doing it to benefit the producer and consumer.

LOCAL AND TERMINAL ELEVATORS

First in line, of those we must get rid of in our march of progress, stand the

owners of both local and terminal elevators. We need the elevators, at least enough to handle the Pool grain, and every dollar of profit that now goes to their owners, must be turned back to the wheat grower.

The freight rates eat up a large portion of the wheat price, and as long as the private owners of the railways demand "all the traffic will bear," there is little hope of a change. The C.P.R., operated for the benefit of the shareholders, and the Canadian National, Government operated, but run for the benefit of the bondholders, both demand too much; so in order that the owners can get their pound of flesh, high freight rates are charged to the farmers, while the railroad workers are compelled to accept low wages. Some time before long, the Canadian people must wake up and squeeze the water out of the railroad bonds and shares, settle with the owners and then operate the road at cost. The Wheat Pool must have something to say about the grading, which today is practically in the hands of the grain interests.

WHEAT POOL REPRESENTATION ON GRAIN COMMISSION

The Wheat Pool should have a good representation on the Grain Commission and have something to say about grading. At the present time the bankers and big grain men control that Commission. For instance, we have as members, J. Carruthers, president Union Bank; W. R. Bawlf, Director Bank of Toronto; Geo. R. Growe, Director Royal Bank; W. H. Williams, also Director of Royal Bank, and others who are both bank directors and members of grain firms and milling companies. Wheat grades have been extremely low this year. About 50 per cent. of wheat sent to terminals this fall has been of the lower grades, tough, damp and bleached. It is claimed that by means of treating and mixing at a small cost per bushel this wheat is transferred into high grade wheat, thus giving the grain trade enormous profits. This robbery of the farmers will go on until the Wheat Pool gets control of grading.

LOSSES TO FARMERS IN MIXING

The farmers are also robbed tremendously in the mixing of wheat. It has been proven absolutely that the lower grades by being mixed with the higher ones, make as good bread as wheat from No. 1 or 2. At present the farmer is paid a low price for the lower grades, while the grain companies and millers reap the benefit.

Enormous profits are often made by milling companies and those who handle the flour. During an investigation carried on by the Non-Partisan League of North Dakota, during the war, in one of the years when wheat prices were the highest, it was shown that it took three and a half bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour, which cost the millers between \$11 and \$12. The flour sold at \$14 per barrel to the millers and the same flour sold in small quantities to the workers in Chicago, New York, Phila-

delphia, and other big cities, brought \$19 a barrel—a nice profit.

CAN'T BE DONE BY SPLITTING UP

To sum up, we must eliminate as much of this graft as possible, and it surely can't be done by splitting up separately, as we were before, and any farmer with the least bit of common sense, should understand that. The idea is not to corner the wheat, not to hold up the consumer, but simply to do away with those who speculate and wax fat "farming the farmer" and the only way to do it is to stand shoulder to shoulder, fight and kick out those who now exploit us.

The great or would-be great, men from the East or from across the ocean, who visit us occasionally, wax eloquent about our great natural resources, our productive agricultural lands, where there is room for millions. Yes, we have a great country, all right, and just as soon as we get rid of those now on our backs, Western Canada will be a good place to live in. Until then, we'd better advise our friends and relatives to stay away.

JOHN GLAMBECK.

Min, Alta.

The Alberta Plan Is Proper Basis for Any National Association

Carl Axelsson Believes That Plan Followed by Alberta Farmers Forms Proper Basis for All Canada

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

That the power of co-ordination and degree of unity so far fostered through the Canadian Council of Agriculture is inadequate to satisfy the need of the organized farmers in Canada is apparent. For long the need of a better inter-Provincial system of co-ordination and national organization has been keenly felt. But on account of the independent nature and purely Provincial structure of the farmers' organizations, very little progress along lines of reorganization has yet been made.

So far not even a tentative plan or workable scheme has been devised either for discussion or practical application. It is a project that involves many minds of mixed opinions and therefore will require determined effort and a considerable amount of time to accomplish.

In Saskatchewan during the activity of the Farmers' Union a great deal of propaganda for national organization was carried on. At the amalgamation convention of the Farmers' Union and the Grain Growers' Association in Saskatoon this desire for a national movement of organized farmers was embodied in the constitution of the amalgamated union as the name The United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section clearly indicates. It is therefore appropriate that the United Farmers of Canada take the initiative in this work. But being present at the Farmers' Union convention when this question was discussed, I know that they have not yet come to any agreement as to how to proceed with this great work. I therefore wish through the columns of "The U. F. A." to offer a few suggestions.

The Alberta Method

In view of the great progress that the organized farmers have made in Alberta

under the U. F. A. plan of industrial group organization as basis for both industrial and political activity, and the widespread recognition of its success, I hold that this is a clear indication that the Alberta method will soon be adopted by the farm organizations in our sister Provinces. At any rate, I think that the Alberta plan might well be discussed by the Locals and through resolutions brought before the coming farmers' conventions for consideration and discussion.

If the delegates at these conventions could agree on some such workable plan of organization for the respective Provinces then progress will be made. And if the other Provinces will adopt the Alberta plan, then national organization could be effected with speed and efficiency.

The adoption of the Alberta plan has many advantages over present methods. First, it would enable the organized farmers to build all Provincial sections on the same industrial foundation; second, endorsing the same co-operative principles; third, by carrying the same program of action industrially and politically, the power to achieve even greater things would be increased tremendously. Furthermore, in this manner the movement would be thoroughly co-ordinated and a foundation for a national organization would be established.

Simplest and Most Practical

Then, besides, the Alberta plan is the simplest and most practical method of building up a national movement of organized farmers. The only new equipment needed under this plan is a national convention about every two years, and the election of a national executive committee. The delegates to the national conventions should consist of the executive officers of the Provincial sections and such number of others that the Provincial section on some equitable basis may choose to elect. The national executive committee should be elected by the national convention. In this manner the present Canadian Council of Agriculture would be replaced by the national executive committee and real co-ordination of the organized farmers' movement effected on a national scale.

Proposed Resolution

Now, therefore, in order to encourage the initiation and further progress in this work by our fellow farmers in Saskatchewan, and for the members of the U. F. A. to show our interest in this move, I hope that the following resolution will be placed before the next U. F. A. Convention: Be it resolved, that we, the United Farmers of Alberta, are prepared to amalgamate with any, or all, Provincial organizations of farmers that will adopt the principles of industrial group organization as the fundamental basis for industrial and political action; And further, do hereby instruct our Board of Directors and Executive Officers to propose to the organizations in the sister Provinces the adoption of the Alberta plan as the basis for inter-Provincial co-ordination and national organization.

CARL AXELSON.

Bingville, Alta.

WETASKIWIN ELECTION EXPENSES

The expenses of the Wetaskiwin U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association in the recent Federal election totalled \$1,913.08, according to the returns of D. J. Christie, official agent.

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Impressions of New Member Described by H. B. Adshead

Member for East Calgary Gives Account of Amusing Experiences at Ottawa

The experiences and impressions of a new member on his arrival in Ottawa are graphically described by H. B. Adshead, M.P. for East Calgary, in a letter to "The U. F. A." Looking for the other Labor members and the Alberta group, Mr. Adshead lost his way in the maze of corridors. "I should have taken a spool of silk thread, like Theseus did, so as to be able to find my way out," he remarks. His colleagues were found on the sixth floor, "away up near the stars."

"The Tories were below last time, but now they, too, are hoisted as high as Haman's gallows," continues Mr. Adshead. "My room had been placed among the orthodox official Liberals, and I had to get in touch with the officer and let it be known that I wished to room with the Labor members. The argument was, of course, that being supported by the Liberals (which was quite true) I should have my room among the Liberals, but I said that I must room with the Labor group, so I and friend Heaps from Winnipeg now room together."

On going into the House, Mr. Adshead found that he had been seated on the right of the Speaker, at the far end. However, "as the Tories are few on the left, it follows that there was much better room to be had on the left of the Speaker than on the right. So the Labor party and the U. F. A. decided to get together and sit on the left of the Speaker, because the seats were much better located and we could all be together. But you see, because we sat to the left it was taken for granted that we were therefore, opposed and hostile to the Government. And although we stated that our position in the House would not alter our attitude to the Government, which was not hostile, yet a good many of the old school look upon us with a little suspicion. It seems impossible for some to get the viewpoint that there can be more than the two old parties and that we are tied to one or the other and show it by where we sit.

"The acoustic properties of the House are bad. It would be much better if it were arranged in a semi-circular form, but then, that might in some way suggest the United States congress, which is semi-circular and has better hearing qualities, but we must remain British."

SPELLING MATCH AND SPEAKING CONTEST

A spelling match and speaking contest for the school children, held by the Morrin U. F. W. A. Local in conjunction with their annual bazaar, was a huge success, states Mrs. Ida E. Edgell, secretary. Three prizes for spelling were presented by the U. F. W. A. Local, and two for public speaking by the Morrin Ladies' Aid.

PARK GROVE LOCAL ORGANIZED

Robert Wilson, organizer of Park Grove Local, in the Vegreville district, was elected its first secretary. J. A. Sanford is president of the new Local, which numbers twenty paid-up members.

BEDDINGTON JUNIORS ORGANIZED

A new Junior Local was organized at Beddington recently by Mrs. A. W. Brooks, President of the Beddington U. F. W. A. Local. Miss M. Fairweather, Cecil Beaton, Charles Scott and Miss Nellie Barker were elected officers of the new Local, which expects to muster sixteen or seventeen members.

WESTLOCK U. F. W. A. HAS GOOD BALANCE

Westlock U. F. W. A. Local concluded the year with a bank balance of over \$68. During the year they held sixteen meetings, and contributed to the community's social life by two whist drives, a banquet, a box social and a picnic. A program is being prepared for the coming year, according to a letter from the secretary, Mrs. Harvey Haywood.

FROM 12 TO 29

Carbon Local had a fairly good year, writes the secretary, F. Barker, "increasing its membership from 12 to 29. It is still far short of what it ought to be and we hope to do better next year. We handled supplies to the value of \$3,500, saving our members a considerable amount in this way."

FAVOR JUNE CONVENTION

A recent meeting of Calumet Local passed a resolution in favor of holding the Annual Convention in the latter part of June instead of in January. At this meeting arrangements were made to order a car of lumber for the members. It was also decided to try to organize a Junior Local.

Publication of articles on various phases of Junior work, of which an interesting series has been sent in, will be resumed in next issue.

MANY EVIDENCES THAT U. F. A., LABOR AND INDEPENDENT GROUPS WILL FIND WAY TO WORK TOGETHER

(Continued from page 1)

flaged Liberals. I am prepared to allow events to decide this matter. If the Progressive-Liberals remain a group apart from the Liberal party and become the spearhead of progressive legislation, then every person will know how to classify them in the future; and no declaration of independence will be required.

COMING SUBSTITUTE FOR PARTY SYSTEM

As to the co-operation of these groups in Parliament, I have already indicated that there are good prospects of that. Co-operation among groups, or party affiliation with one or other of the parties, is inevitable, in my opinion. So far as I am concerned, and I think that in this I will be upheld by every U. F. A. member, I regard co-operation in politics as the coming substitute for the old party system. The power for which the parties compete is so important that the parties spend all of their time in competing for it. Moreover, it is becoming more and more evident that power must be shared co-operatively and its responsibilities assumed accordingly. I want to see a Parliament dominated by the spirit of co-operation, to the end that good legislation and honest, efficient administration may be possible, instead of that vicious partizan competitive spirit which seeks, above all else, to have power. As it was against this partizan spirit that all independent groups were elected, they may be

expected to work together against partyism and for good legislation.

GROUP IDENTITY ESSENTIAL TO PROPER ORGANIZATION

There is no doubt that Progressives, Labor and Farmer members, are in a common fight against a strongly entrenched special privilege which is functioning in and through the party system. In this there is common ground, but the identity of each group must be recognized no matter how common the ground may be. This group identity is essential to proper organization and it is only through proper organization that any orderly advance can be made. In addition each separately recognized group will be free to give voice to the particular needs of that part of the electorate which it represents directly and in their co-operative effort they will work for the good of the entire nation, and in this way help in the development of that co-operative system which must ultimately take the place of industrial competition and political partyism.

DANGER IN BEING BOUND TOO TIGHTLY

Living things cannot be bound too tightly. If they are, one of two things will happen. Either the fetters will break, or if strong enough to resist the expanding life, will retard progress, cause pain, deformity, and probably death to the organism concerned. This truth is being recognized by those who are endeavoring to develop a Commonwealth of British nations, as a substitute for Empire. It is seen that if the young nations are bound tight by fetters of Empire, that the fetters will ultimately break, and all the benefit which may accrue from the association will be lost; so the fetters are thrown off and the nations involved will be hereafter allowed to come together for mutual benefit.

In my opinion, the same principle must be adopted by the various groups in Parliament, in finding a way to work together. Legislation of national, as well as particular benefit will have to be the basis of co-operation. But groups will not be bound by any obligation other than that imposed by the merits of each issue under consideration from time to time.

In carrying out this co-operative idea in Parliament it may be necessary to have conferences of the various groups as the occasion may determine, and that provision should be made for the calling of such conferences. Beyond this no organization of a party nature is necessary.

THE MATTER OF LEADERSHIP

But it will be asked at once, who is going to be the leader of these groups? This question is worthy of a more detailed answer than space will permit my giving. The time may come when the various groups in Parliament will be ready for a common leader, and the time may come when that leader shall arise. Meanwhile, I believe that a leadership, not confined to one individual, but which will be determined by the issue and the ability of some individual to deal with that issue, would be a better plan, at least for the present. This would mean that the leadership of the co-operating groups would be taken in the House for the time being by the individual, who, a conference of the groups decides, is best fitted to deal with the subject under discussion. In this way we should always have leadership, but a leadership which would rotate according to the issue and the particular ability of individual members. Since the co-operation among the groups is chiefly on a basis of legislation and during sessions of Parliament, the above idea, if adopted, might work out more efficiently than the old idea of leadership as practised by the party system.

However, time will tell. I have no authority to speak for all of the groups, nor even for the U. F. A. group in these matters. I have merely stated my own ideas. The great ideal of our movement is the vision of an organized people co-operating together in the development of an intelligent civilization. That is the vision, but we—the people—are still in the wilderness. If we lack a Moses, we have the vision, and will constantly press toward it.

WOODSWORTH INVITED TO SPEAK AT CONVENTION

J. S. Woodsworth, M. P., leader of the Labor group in the House of Commons, has been invited to address the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. Mr. Woodsworth is one of the outstanding men in the House. In view of the plans for co-operation between the three Independent groups in Parliament, which are described elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Woodsworth's address will no doubt prove of great interest to the delegates.

Plans for the Social Night Preceding the Annual Convention

In a letter to H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-President of the U. F. A., John Blue, Secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade, describes the following program which has been arranged for the social night on Monday, January 17th, preceding the opening of the Convention:

"We have secured the big dining room of the Macdonald Hotel, a seven piece orchestra.

"We will have a short period of community singing to open up the evening. This can be carried on as soon as a few gather in and can be continued until the room is well filled.

"We have secured two singers: Mrs. Allan Petch, one of the best sopranos in the city and Mr. E. F. McGarvey, one of the best tenors and most popular soloists among the men in Edmonton.

"Arrangements are being made by the stunts and musical committee of the Kiwanis Club to put on a short sketch that will take about twenty minutes.

"The balance of the evening will be devoted to dancing."

Oppose Payment of Indemnity to the Opposition Leader

Lethbridge Farmers Desire Alberta Legislature to Abandon Old Party Practices

The desire of the Lethbridge district farmers for the elimination of the practices and observances of party politics from the Alberta Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the will of the people as revealed at the recent Provincial general election, found expression in a resolution of the Annual Convention of the Lethbridge U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, held in the city of Lethbridge on Dec. 15. The resolution emphatically opposed the payment of a special indemnity to any member of the Assembly who may constitute himself the "Leader of the Opposition." The Convention was very emphatic and definite on this point, and it was apparent that the farmers anticipate and hope for the most complete departure from old party procedure in the new Legislature.

Another resolution urged the Alberta Government to change the Hospitals Act in such a manner as to provide that a farmer who pays taxes on more than half a section of land shall have the privilege of hospital facilities for one man in his employ for each additional 160 acres.

Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Field on child welfare, hospitals and old folks homes and by Ben Plumer on Wheat Pool matters. Perren Baker represented Premier Brownlee, who had been called away to Winnipeg. Mr. Baker spoke on co-operative marketing and education.

President Bennion was in the chair during the proceedings. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President Ernest Bennion, First Vice-President Mrs. King, Second Vice-President Peter Lund, Third Vice-President Norman Priestley, Executive Committee, Wm. Oliver, J. A. Johansen, L. McKenzie and N. S. Eliason.

Following the convention a very enjoyable banquet was held.

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 3)

The U. L. G. are now carrying on a vigorous fight to secure the promised amendments to existing legislation and regulations, with a view to meeting the needs of Co-operative marketing organizations. It is to be hoped that Mr. Motherwell can be brought to realize that the farmers insist on fair play for the Pooling system. What may have been the factors which have influenced his recent action we cannot say but it is apparent that the time has come when strong pressure must be brought to bear upon the Ottawa Government by the organized farmers of this Province, to secure the honoring of the Government pledges. The farmers who are organized for the purpose of carrying on co-operative marketing enterprise on a contract basis should be freed from the danger of interference in the legitimate carrying on of their own business, by a group of traders who are their commercial rivals.

The report of the recent Imperial Conference should be carefully scrutinized by the Canadian House of Commons. There is much that is far from clear in the published documents, including a paragraph in the Ralfour memorandum which seems to suggest that one portion of the British Empire may be bound by a foreign treaty concluded by another, unless definite objection is raised before the treaty is concluded. Canada should not be bound by the treaty of any other state in the Empire, except by the definite action of the Canadian Parliament itself.

According to press reports, the Dominion statesmen at the Imperial Conference were unanimous in opposing the demand of the League of Nations for certain definite information from the British Government in regard to the manner in which the territory under British Empire mandate has been administered. We have never believed that the League in its present form can live up to its advance notices. But if obligations to the League are accepted, they should be honored. To accept mandates from the League and then refuse to report to the League is to reduce the mandate system to a farce.

WEAKNESS DUE TO PARTY SYSTEM

"His Worship is voluntarily transferring himself to the alleged higher sphere of the Legislature. He will kick his heels in a different atmosphere, where talk is more esteemed than acts."

The above is the comment of the Calgary Herald on the retirement of Mayor Webster of Calgary, who completed his term on December 31st. Mr. Webster is one of the members of the new Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

The inference to be drawn from the Herald's editorial is that in the city council of Calgary, where the folly of dividing the membership into two political parties, one of which is labelled the "opposition," is not practiced, acts are more esteemed than talk. In so far as talk is more esteemed than acts in existing legislatures, the weakness is due to the party system itself.

A SINISTER MOVEMENT

A branch of the Italian Fascist has been formed in Alberta, with the backing of a morning paper published in this Province.

Fortunately, there has been an immediate repudiation of Fascism and all its works by representative Italians who prefer democratic institutions to the methods of Signor Mussolini.

The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

Program of the Annual Convention of United Farm Women of Alberta

Tuesday Morning, January 18th
Joint session with U. F. A.

Tuesday Afternoon

2 p.m. Official opening of the Convention; "O Canada"; Invocation, Rev. Dr. McQueen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

2:15 Greetings, Hon. Irene Parlby.

2:45 Appointment of Committees on Resolutions; Credentials and Order of Business.

3:00 Report of President, presented by Mrs. R. B. Gunn; report of Executive, presented by Mrs. F. E. Wyman.

3:30 Reports of U. F. W. A. Directors.

4:50 Music.

5:00 Report of Secretary.

5:15 Report of U. F. W. A. representative on Junior Committee, Mrs. Clarke Fraser.

Wednesday Morning, January 19th

9:30 Community singing.

9:35 Report of Legislative Committee presented by Mrs. F. E. Wyman.

9:55 Address by Hon. J. F. Lymburn, Attorney-General; discussion and Resolutions; music.

10:40 Nominations for President.

10:50 Report of Immigration Committee, presented by Mrs. R. Price; discussion.

11:50 Election of President.

Wednesday Afternoon

Joint session with the U. F. A.; ballot for President for 1927; nomination for Vice-President; ballot to follow immediately.

Thursday Morning, January 20th

9:30 Community singing.

9:35 Report of Health Committee, presented by Mrs. J. W. Field, convener.

9:55 Address by Hon. Mr. Hoadley.

10:15 Discussion and Resolutions.

10:40 Music.

10:45 Nomination and election of 1st Vice-President; nomination and election of 2nd Vice-President.

11:05 Peace and Arbitration report, presented by Mrs. B. F. Kiser; discussion.

Thursday Afternoon

Joint session with the U. F. A.; newspaper Resolutions; report of Convener, Senior Committee on Young People's Work; report of Junior Secretary.

5:30 Election of U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Directors.

Friday Morning, January 21st

9:30 Community singing.

9:35 Fraternal Delegates.

10:45 Report of Education Committee, presented by Mrs. R. B. Gunn.

11:00 Address by Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Education.

11:20 Educational Resolutions.

Friday Afternoon

2:00 Community singing.

2:05 Report of Committee on Social Service, presented by Mrs. S. J. Bentley.

2:25 Report of Committee on Co-operative Marketing, presented by Mrs. H. E. G. H. Scholefield; discussion and Resolutions.

3:25 Music.

3:30 Address by Miss Agnes McPhail.

4:30 Social hour.

rural districts owing to the settlers living widely apart, and,

Whereas, this being a Christian country and all people having the benefits of Christianity in every other way;

Be it therefore resolved, that public schools be opened and closed with at least one verse of the "100th Psalm" and also the "Lord's Prayer," and that the Ten Commandments be taught each Friday afternoon and each child expected to repeat them. These being non-sectarian and not objectionable to any branch of the Christian church as a whole, although the foundation of general Christianity.—Fort Saskatchewan U. F. W. A.

FEEBLE MINDED

(1) Whereas, the alarming increase in the proportion of the feeble minded in our population presents grave problems in every department of our social and economic life, and,

(2) Whereas, this increase in people who are deficient in reasoning ability is a grave menace to our democratic institutions, and,

(3) Whereas, society is unable to care for these unfortunate people, who, through lack of intelligence often become victims of the unscrupulous and because of their weak mentality are to be found in the criminal and pauper class, and,

(4) Whereas, Dr. Goddard, one of the chief authorities on the subject in America, has estimated that on the basis of facts collected, the birth rate among mentally defective parents is two to six times as great as the birth rate for the population as a whole, and,

(5) Whereas, the best authorities agree that in about eighty per cent. of the cases, feeble mindedness is due to heredity, and,

(6) Whereas, segregation involves insuperable financial obstacles, and,

(7) Whereas, surgical treatment making reproduction impossible can be given without danger to life or health;

Therefore be it resolved, that we request the Government of Alberta to pass legislation providing that all feeble minded persons, showing an intelligence quotient of less than seventy, after examination by a competent tribunal of psychiatrists be sterilized, unless confined to institutions.—Calgary U. F. W. A.

DUTY ON BRITISH OR AMERICAN MAGAZINES

Whereas, a heavy tariff duty upon all magazines entering Canada has been contemplated by the Federal Government, and,

Whereas, we believe that such a step would cut off many people from much valuable and educational reading, and,

Whereas, we think there are other and better ways of encouraging Canadian periodicals;

Therefore be it resolved, that we are absolutely opposed to any tariff duty on any British or American magazines or periodicals.—Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.

Resolutions for Women's Convention Deal With Important Issues

Opposition to Tariff on Imported Periodicals; Sterilization of Feeble Minded; Teaching of Evil Effects of Alcohol and Narcotics, Are Among Subjects Dealt With

Strict enforcement of quarantine regulations, teaching of the evil effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics in public schools, religious exercises in schools, and sterilization of low-grade feeble-minded persons are advocated in resolutions which will come before the U. F. W. A. Annual Convention. The citizenship of women who marry aliens, and the proposed duty on magazines and periodicals, are the subjects of other resolutions. The resolutions received to date are printed in full below:

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Whereas, every year epidemics of measles, chicken pox and other children's diseases break out in the Province, and,

Whereas, these epidemics are subject to only a partial quarantine and consequently spread very rapidly;

Be it resolved, that initial cases of such contagious diseases be subject to an ab-

solutely tight quarantine in order to prevent them from spreading and becoming epidemics.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

COMPULSORY TEACHING OF EVIL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND NARCOTICS

Resolved, that the teaching of the evil effects of the use of alcoholic drinks and narcotics be made compulsory in our public schools and that a pass in this subject be required on a promotion examination from Grades 5 to 6 or at least for three grades.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

CITIZENSHIP OF MARRIED WOMEN

Resolved, that a woman should not lose her franchise when she marries a man who is not a citizen.—Macleod Federal C. A.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

Whereas, it is inconvenient in many cases to have Sunday Schools in the

ANNUAL BANQUET AT GRAND MEADOW

Grand Meadow U. F. W. A. Local closed the year, writes Mrs. F. E. Crawford, secretary, "with our annual banquet at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gee. About 75 persons were served, cafeteria style. Later both Locals held their annual meetings, and then the doors were opened and we all enjoyed a good program of instrumentals, readings and vocal selections. Afterwards we served ice cream and cake. All went away saying a very profitable and pleasant evening was spent, and wished they came oftener."

St. Albert Will Be Glad of Assistance in the Appeal Costs

Judges Held Free Refreshments on Eve of Election Not Breach of Law

The first contribution to the St. Albert election appeal fund has been made by Barons Local, who sent in \$5 to the fund which has been opened at Central Office.

As was announced in the December 15th issue of "The U. F. A.", the Appeal Court reversed the decision of Chief Justice Simmons and reinstated L. Boudreau, the Liberal candidate. The entire costs have been assessed against the U. F. A. candidate, L. Normandeau, who petitioned against the election results, with the result that the St. Albert U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association must raise the sum of \$3,500.

"The facts as found by Chief Justice Simmons of the Trial Division were not disturbed," states P. D. Cunningham, secretary of the St. Albert association. "The Appellate Division did not take any different view of the actual facts of the case, from the view expressed by the Trial Judge. They held that refreshments served to sixty half-breeds on the Saturday evening preceding the election under the circumstances did not constitute a breach of the Alberta Elections Act.

"We shall greatly appreciate any contributions by any sympathizing organizations, through the Central Office, Calgary."

Judge Finds Corrupt Practices Extensive, Athabasca Election

Twenty-nine Persons Disfranchised for Illegal Practices—Widespread Evil

Twenty-nine officials and election workers in the 1925 Federal election campaign in Athabasca were disfranchised by Justice Clarke who conducted the inquiry into the charges made by D. F. Kellner, the U. F. A. candidate. In giving judgment, Mr. Justice Clarke said:

"The evidence taken before me, in my opinion, establishes that the petition for this inquiry presented to the House of Commons was well founded, and that corrupt and illegal practices extensively prevailed within the said electoral district, and at widely separated points."

Martin Neyhaus, registrar at Cold Lake, was found guilty of wilful malfeasance, this voters' list containing more than twice as many names as there were persons qualified to vote. At Reita Lake, where not more than ten persons were voters, the list contained 72 names, and the signature was evidently a forgery, states the justice's decision. Merwin W. Harris and William Lawler were found guilty of forgery, and are disqualified from voting in a Federal election for seven years. Other persons were found guilty of forgery, issuing fictitious cheque, perjury, and other malpractice. Several of the persons who gave self-incriminating evidence were given certificates of indemnity by the justice.

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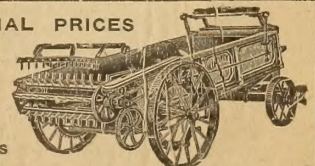
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Former President of Travellers Condemns Attack on Pool

Endorses Strong Protest of Brother
Travellers Against Use of Association
for Anti-Wheat Pool Propaganda

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

I am indebted to you for the current copy of your paper. I am pleased to see that your issue contains a protest from some brother travellers. On the other hand, I am extremely sorry the Travellers Organization should not have seized the first opportunity of apologizing to your Wheat Pool for the unwarranted attack on it by the North West Grain Dealers' Association, making us the medium, with a plain effort to make us the goat.

I have 32 North West Commercial Travellers' Association certificates and I have acted as President, and also on the Board, and let me assure you that during my terms of office, I should not have allowed our Association to be the means of sending out any such propaganda. Your Wheat Pool is doing good work for Alberta, and I can honestly say, "Carry on!"

I am, yours truly,

A. M. MOUAT.

23 Elma Block,
Calgary, Alta., Dec. 17, 1926.

Ukrainians Are Keen for U.F.A. at Bellis

Prefer the Broad U. F. A. Spirit to
Narrow "Nationalism"

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

A very successful meeting was held in Bellis recently, at which Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President of the U. F. W. A., spoke on the co-operative movement, education and world peace. J. G. Huculak, member of the U. F. A., interpreted the speech into Ukrainian language to the audience, stressing the importance of rallying into one great organization as a whole of the class of people who work and produce everything, but hardly enjoy the use of it, against the class of people who do not work anything, but possess all the wealth and products produced by the farmers and working people. He said that the only way in which any betterment and change of the present situation and conditions (system) may be attained and the world's peace secured, is by becoming members of the U. F. A., the U. F. W. A. and Junior Branches, and taking active part in the real co-operative movements, and seeking proper education and solid unity, instead of struggling among ourselves and dividing ourselves into hundreds of different nationalities, groups, sects cults and partyisms.

AGAINST NARROW FORM OF "NATIONALISM"

A little group of Ukrainian nationalists, who actively worked during the last Provincial election for the Conservative candidate, and own a hall in Bellis, headed by one Ukrainian chauvinist, refused to rent the hall to us for that day, and with a view of defeating our meeting, did purposely, after seeing our announcement of the meeting, announce a concert put up with a few school children with the help of the school teacher and a dance. But they were greatly disappointed when all the farmers—men, women and young people went to the school house, where our meeting was held, and even many of the townspeople, although they had to walk half a mile, went to the school, overfilling it, while nobody except they themselves remained in their hall, about six in number.

After the meeting we had our own dance and a free lunch put up by the U. F. W. A. members in the school. While the younger people entertained themselves in another room of the school, the farmers remained discussing their matters further. J. Rop-

ceon, Reeve of M.D.V., discussed municipal matters and the shortage of seed grain for next spring, owing to the failure of crop this year in our district through lack of rain last summer. Later on many farmers took part in the discussion, pointing out how a few of these nationalists have fooled them when building that national hall. It was built mostly by the farmers, but being unaware of these foxy nationalists, they agreed upon the constitution and bylaws of that association whereby it provides that only Ukrainians can be members and a good "patriot", too, no matter whether he is a farmer, exploiter, king or baron. If the neighboring hard-working farmers want to donate money to that association and hall it is well and good, but he cannot be a member, nor has he any voice in it. All the farmers and other sympathisers of our movement were of the opinion that a U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Community Hall must be built as soon as possible, wherein every man belonging to the working class who produce the necessary commodities and products, irrespective of what nationality or creed, can be a member if he wants to be and shall have a full voice in its affairs.

This is the right kind of spirit and action in our organization which counts and spells success and stands immune from the poison gas of the chauvinists, partisans, exploiters and sectarians, and is but another added proof that the U. F. A. is on the sound basis and in solid unity, destined to triumph.

J. J. CHIBEINOFF,

President U. F. A. Bellis Local No. 649

PEARL HUCULAK,

Sec.-Treas. U. F. W. A. Bellis Local 360

E. MAXIM,

Sec.-Treas U. F. A. Yuma Local No. 701
Bellis, Alta.

REALIZED VALUE OF ORGANIZATION

The outstanding achievement of Sawkato U. F. W. A. Local (Eckville) during the past year was the sending of four delegates, as in former years, to the University Week. The funds were obtained, writes Mrs. J. E. Lundberg, president, "by entertainments, plays, etc., which were given good support by the people in the district. On November 8th we gave a successful Thanksgiving supper, and Mrs. P. C. Hepburn, our Director, gave a very encouraging and interesting little talk. She stressed the fact that the menfolk should encourage their women to belong and attend the women's meetings. We have 20 members in our Local, and looking back we can see several useful things we have accomplished since organization, that could not have been done without the organization."

THE DIFFERENCE

It's not the class of our labor
But the spirit we bring thereto
That mars or invests with beauty
Whatever we strive to do.
The littlest tasks are mighty
If done for the good of all;
The greatest of efforts petty,
If the aim is selfish and small.

For love is a great transformer,
And clothes with a charm and grace
What many regard as drudgery,
Makes wondrous the commonplace.
The standard for high and lowly
Is the standard of real worth;
Life's values are truly measured
In a light that is not of earth.

—Charles L. Patterson.

SOCIAL REALIZED \$35

A pie social held at the conclusion of a recent meeting of Eagle Hill Local, realized the sum of \$35, states Mrs. P. Arneson, secretary. A whist drive is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

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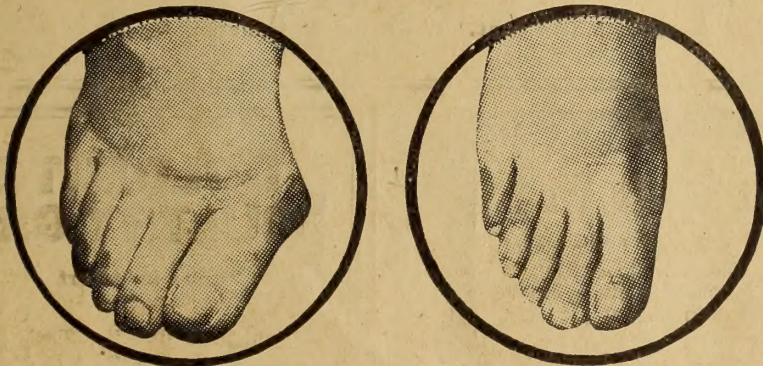
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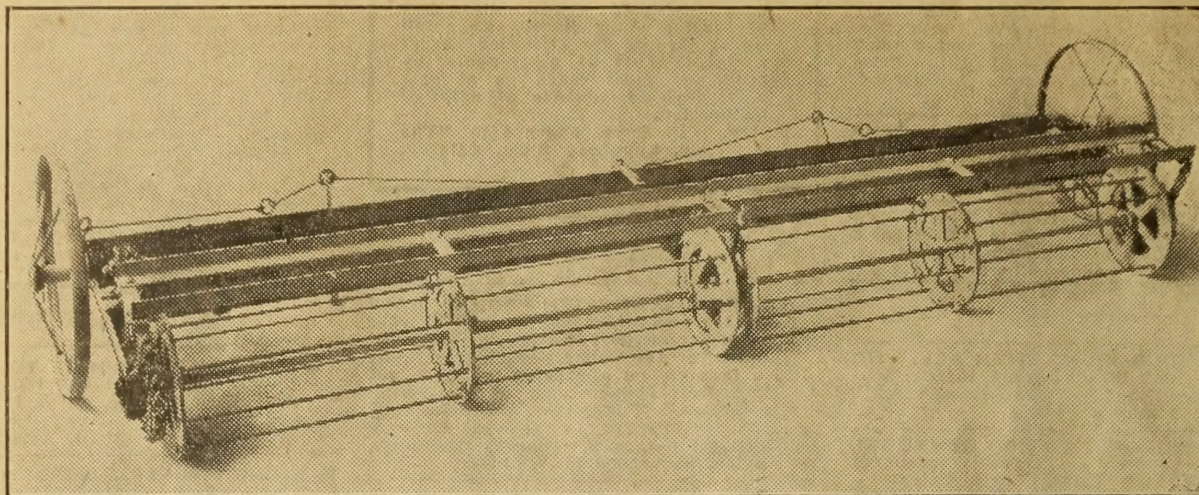
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